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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 12, lines 20-26.

Please add the following paragraph at page 13, between lines 1 and 2:

--It is an object of the present invention (see the Third Embodiment of the invention described below) to provide a method for first multiplying b with c and dividing a result of the multiplication by a in the equation (1) to solve the problem on the calculation accuracy. This enables both the transmitting side and the receiving side to calculate the correct number of bits and to perform excellent communications. However, in some applications, this technique may be impractical, in that the calculated value